

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme – Andhra Pradesh (NREGS-AP) –Convergence with Community Managed Sustainable Agriculture (CMSA) – notification of SERP as an implementing agency – certain amendments – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 392

Dated: 17/12/2009.

Read the following:

1. NREG Act, 2005 dated 05-09-05.
2. G.O.Ms.No.27 PR&RD (RD-II), Department, Dated:28.01.06
3. G.O. Ms. No 55 PR&RD (RD –II) Department dated 16.02.2008
4. Ltr No.J.11017/32/2008-NREGA of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India dated October 2009

ORDER

The NREGA has been promulgated to guarantee 100 days wage labour in rural areas by undertaking works which enhance the productivity of the natural resources to provide enhanced and sustainable incomes to rural households. The modalities of implementation of the scheme has been notified in the reference 2 cited above. In the reference 3 cited above, orders have been issued for convergence of NREGS with Community Managed Sustainable Agriculture (CMSA) project being implemented by Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP). In the reference 4 cited above, Ministries of Rural Development and Agriculture of Government of India have issued guidelines for convergence of NREG and Agriculture programmes with a view to effectively address the issue of poverty alleviation by inter-sectoral convergence. Considering the agrarian nature of the rural economy, it was felt that thrust of the rural development shall be through enhancing agrarian productivity.

2. After a detailed planning and organization of the CMSA programme initiated in about 4,000 villages on the field, SERP has proposed a plan of action for coverage in 2009 & 2010 years and requested for certain amendments to the orders issued in reference 3 cited above.

3. Government after careful consideration of the proposal of SERP issue the following orders in supersession of the orders issued earlier regarding convergence between NREGS & CMSA with a view to implement the Sustainable Agriculture project:

- 1) **Implementing Agency:** SERP will be the implementing agency for NREG and Agriculture convergence in the State.

- 2) **Coverage:** SERP will cover 3.48 lakh acres under the CMSA programme before July 2010 extending in 22 districts, 321 mandals and 4,114 villages. Of this, 3.23 lakh acres land belongs to SCs/STs mostly of assigned lands will be treated under this programme. The model involves intensive moisture conservation activities helping in undertaking multi-tier cropping with vegetables, perennial Red gram, castor and fruit crops etc producing year long income to the poor. The details of the activities to be taken under the programme are as below:

NREG- CMSA convergence				
	Villages	Extent (Acs)	Unit cost (Rs)	Total Cost (Rs. Cr)
Rainfed farming (Mothukur Model) SC/ST farmers	122	8,000	48,689	38.95
Rainfed farming (Mothukur Model) for all farmers	122	25,000	48,689	121.72
Sustainable agriculture model on POP - SC/ST lands (land development not done under NREG)	3,992	175,000	48,689	852.06
Sustainable agriculture model POP- SC/ST lands (land development completed under NREG)	3,992	140,000	40,000	560.00
Biomass nurseries (one per village)	4,114		25,000	10.06
	4,114	348,000		1,582.79
Administrative charges 3% for SERP				47.48
				1,630.27

- 3) **Works:** The following works will be taken up under the programme:
- Moisture conservation works such as trenches, conservative furrows, Farm ponds to harvest rain water and for critical irrigation @ Rs. 40,000 per acre
 - Preparation of ground for Horticulture @ Rs. 459 per acre
 - Vegetable cultivation – mini-kits @ Rs. 500 per acre
 - Biomass nurseries one per village @ Rs. 25,000 per nursery
 - Compost pit one for every acre @ Rs. 680 per compost pit
 - Protective irrigation for fruit plants @ Rs. 1,050 per acre
 - Provision of Micro irrigation structures
- 4) **HR support:** The programme will be implemented by community based organizations namely – Self help Groups (SHGs) & their Village Organizations. The following shall be the HR support provided for the programme:

Village level:

- a. Each Gram Panchayat shall have one **Village activist (VA)** discharging the following responsibilities:
 - i. Giving markings at site
 - ii. Recording the measurements
 - iii. Ensuring maintenance of muster rolls
 - iv. Overall coordination in the village
- b. There shall be a maximum of **5 worksite assistants** per village (one from each Farmers Field School (FFS) in the village). They have to be necessarily from the same village. The Worksite Assistant should preferably be a woman & SHG member and part of Farmer Field School (FFS) discharging the following responsibilities:
 - i) Hand holding support to the mate
 - ii) Ensuring and Maintenance of quality muster rolls

Mandal level

- c. There shall be one Mandal Coordinator (Technical Assistant) (MCTA) for each of the mandals selected. Mandal Coordinator-cum-Technical Assistant shall be a Diploma in Agriculture, or in the event of non-availability of such candidates, any graduate. The Mandal coordinator will not attract any HR policy and she/he will be in pay rolls of Mandal Samakhya. The Mandal coordinator in addition to assisting mandal samakhya will coordinate all activities related to Sustainable Agriculture
- d. There shall be an Exclusive Computer Operator shall be employed at the APM (Mandal) /Area Coordinator level to take care of the data processing, monitoring and other works. The recruitment plan, eligibility norms etc for recruitment of computer operator will be as per NREG norms.

Training

- e. The project Directors, DRDA and DWMA shall arrange necessary trainings to all the Mandal Coordinators-cum-Technical Assistant (Rain Fed Agriculture) and Village Activists (Rain fed Agriculture). The computer operators shall be trained to be well-versed with the nature of works proposed under this convergence.
- 5) **Computer center:** There shall be a dedicated computer centre at each mandal level. Each DCC shall have one system and one computer operator. The DCC computer shall be linked to the Netone connection of BSNL and data shall be uploaded to the central Server daily. For this purpose, SERP will provide dedicated computers at APM (Mandal)/AC, PD, DRDA and SERP, NPM wing. Commissioner, RD shall arrange for loading the required Software in the above computers

- 6) **Planning process:** The village level NPM EGS plans are prepared by NPM farmers in FFS by SHGs/VO assisted by VA and worksite assistant based on the requests received from farmers. The works would be identified in the Farmers Field Schools (FFS) through discussions. The lands of SC/ST shall be taken up on saturation basis, and after they are saturated the lands of Small and Marginal farmers of BPL should be covered. After finalizing the plans for each field, and thereafter for the village, VO sends the plan to Mandal Samakhya for approval.
- 7) **Sanctions:** The Mandal Samakhya will submit proposals to PD, DRDA for getting approval of District Collector for all the works which are proposed new and have not been part of shelf of works. After approval of District Collector, PD, DRDA will communicate the same to Area Coordinator(AC)/APM. Area Coordinator shall be the competent authority for administrative and technical sanction. The Mandal Coordinator (NPM-EGS) will assist the AC in this function. After sanctions are accorded, works shall be included in the shelf of works. Works which are already in shelf of works should be taken up for execution immediately.
- 8) **Works execution and Payment:** The following procedure will be followed for payments under the programme:
- a. Muster rolls shall be recorded by the Worksite Assistants (WAs). Muster rolls shall be supplied to the WAs by the MPDOs/ACs.
 - b. The measurements of the work executed shall be recorded by the VA & check-measured by the Mandal Coordinator (NPM-EGS).
 - c. Based on the muster-rolls and the recording of work, electronic pay orders will be generated by the Area Coordinator weekly – on every Saturday.
 - d. Based on these electronic pay orders, funds will be transferred from the central NREG account to the head post office account at the district level within one working day from the date of generating e-pay order.
 - e. Payment to the beneficiaries shall be done through Post office accounts of the beneficiaries every week.
- 9) **Funding:** SERP shall be provided with 3% of administrative costs on the expenditure on works under the project for meeting the cost of payment to the various functionaries. For this purpose, CEO SERP will open a separate account.
- 10) **Audit:** The Area Coordinator/ PD, DRDA should maintain regular bank statements and submit to CEO, SERP on a regular basis. They will be responsible for maintenance of records for audit.

4. CEO SERP and Commissioner Rural Development are requested to implement the above programme expeditiously and as per the plan formulated.

5. A copy of this order is available on the Internet and can be accessed at the address: <http://www.rd.ap.gov.in>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RD)

To

The Chief Executive Officer, SERP
The Commissioner, Rural Development
SPA NPM SERP
The Director, EGS, O/o the Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad
Project Directors, DRDAs and Addl. District Programme Coordinators of all
Districts

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ANNEXURE I

CMSA-NREG convergence up to July 2010

S No	District	Number of		
		Mandals	Clusters	Villages
1	Adilabad	20	37	185
2	Anantapur	30	146	730
3	Chittoor	8	28	140
4	East Godavari	2	4	20
5	Guntur	18	32	157
6	Kadapa	18	37	185
7	Karimnagar	17	28	140
8	Khammam	23	52	260
9	Krishna	0	0	0
10	Kurnool	8	24	120
11	Mahabubnagar	19	38	190
12	Medak	30	60	300
13	Nalgonda	19	40	200
14	Nellore	11	30	150
15	Nizamabad	8	12	60
16	Prakasam	4	5	25
17	Rangareddy	5	13	65
18	Srikakulam	16	69	377
19	Visakhapatnam	13	37	185
20	Vizianagaram	20	62	310
21	Warangal	12	43	215
22	West Godavari	20	20	100
	Total	321	817	4114

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ANNEXURE II

Phasing of funds for the NREG-CMSA convergence up to July 2010

Phasing of funds (in Rs. Cr)			
Month	Program Cost	Admin cost	Total
Dec-09	33.18	1.00	34.18
January-10	24.97	0.74	25.71
Feb-10	192.84	5.79	198.63
March-10	680.79	20.42	701.21
Apr-10	370.50	11.10	381.60
May-10	245.03	7.35	252.38
Jun-10	17.74	0.53	18.27
July-10	17.74	0.55	18.29
Total	1582.79	47.48	1630.27

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